BOROUGH OF APPLEBY

HEALTH COMMITTEE:

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

FOR THE YEAR

1922

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BOROUGH of APPLEBY.

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the
Borough of Appleby.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit to you the Annual Report for the year 1922, prepared in accordance with your instructions and those of the Ministry of Health.

Your Officials have rendered me every assistance in my work and I would express my thanks to them.

I am especially indebted to the Sanitary Inspector, whose work has been carried out promptly and efficiently and through whom I have been kept in close contact with all that has taken place in your area.

My colleagues in the Medical Profession have given me generous help and have furnished their statutory notifications with commendable regularity for which I am very grateful.

I have the honour to be,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

W. Baron Cockill.

Medical Officer of Health
Westmorland Combined Districts.

14th March, 1923.

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1. GENERAL STATISTICS.

Areas (acres)	1877
Population (census 1921)	1786
Number of inhabited houses (census 1921)	459
Number of families or separate occupiers (census 1921)	457
Rateable Value	£ 11,623. 10. 0
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	£ 40. 17. 0

2. EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR.

	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE	
Births (Legitimate)	24	12	12	Birth Rate (R.G.)
" (Illegitimate)	-	-	1	15. 1
Deaths	11			Death Rate (R.G.) 6. 6

Number of women dying in, or in consequence of childbirth ... ...) From sepsis Nil
) " other causes Nil

Deaths of infants under 1 year of age, per 1,000 births:-

Legitimate Nil : Illegitimate Nil : Total Nil.

Deaths from Measles (all ages)	Nil
" " Whooping-cough (all ages)	Nil
" " Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	Nil

There has been no excessive or unusual mortality during the year.

3. NOTIFIABLE DISEASES.

DISEASE.	Scarlet-fever	Pneumonia	Tuberculosis.					
			Pulmonary.			Non-Pulmonary.		
			Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
Totals.	5	2	1	1	1	1	1	1
Under 1 year.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
1.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
2.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
3.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
4.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
5.	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
14.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
15.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
20.	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1
35.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
45.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Over 65 years.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Admitted to Hospital.	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Deaths.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

There were no cases of deaths from Tuberculosis, where the disease had not previously been notified.

The notification of all known cases of Tuberculosis has invariably been carried out.

Opthalmia Neonatorium ... ... Nil.

4. CAUSES OF SICKNESS.

There have been no specially noteworthy causes of sickness or invalidity in the district, other than an epidemic of Influenza in the early part of the year.

5. SUMMARY OF NURSING ARRANGEMENTS, HOSPITAL AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS AVAILABLE FOR THE DISTRICT.

Professional Nursing in the Home:

(a)	General	District Nursing Association
(b)	Infectious Diseases, e.g., Measles, etc.,	" " "

District Nursing Associations are voluntary organisations receiving grants in aid from the County Council.

Midwives: There are no practising midwives.

Clinics, etc.:

NAME	ADDRESS	ACCOMMODATION	PROVIDED BY
Tuberculosis Dispensary	Briardale-Appleby	Waiting Room Consulting Room	County Council
School Dental Clinic	Travelling		

Hospitals provided or subsidised by the Local Authority or by the County Council:

HOSPITAL	SITUATION	ACCOMMODATION
Tuberculosis	Meathop, Grange-over-Sands	150 beds
Fever	Ormside, nr. Appleby	20 beds
Small-pox	Woodside, nr. Kendal	50 beds
Ethel Hedley Hospital School (orthopaedic)	Calgarth, nr. Windemere	30 beds
Venereal Disease	North Lonsdale Hospital Barrow-in-Furness.	

Extensions and improvements to Ormside Fever Hospital are being undertaken.

The Westmorland County Hospital contains 50 beds available for all non-infectious medical, surgical and abnormal midwifery cases A new Maternity Ward is in course of erection. It is supported by voluntary contributions. Penrith Hospital and Carlisle Infirmary also admit patients from this area requiring general treatment.

Institutional provision for unmarried mothers, etc.,:

St. Monica's Maternity Home, under the control of the Carlisle Diocesan Maternity Committee.

Ambulance Facilities:

(a) Infectious cases. A motor ambulance the property of the Ormside Joint Hospital Board.

(b) Non-infectious cases. Motor ambulance under the control of the Penrith District Joint Ambulance Committee.

6. LABORATORY WORK.

The Combined Districts of Westmorland have provided laboratories at Kendal, to which any practitioner may send specimens for examination. Sputum is also examined at Meathop Sanatorium. The following have been done for Appleby:-

Diptheria	6
Tuberculosis	2
Malaria	4
Water Analysis	1
Total	13

Diptheria Antitoxin is issued free for the treatment of all necessitous cases, excepting patients under the National Health Insurance Act; also for both necessitous and insured patients for prophylactic purposes.

7. SANITARY ADMINISTRATION.

List of Adoptive Acts, etc.,	Date of Adoption
Parts II & III Public Health Act Amendment Act, 1890	1895
Byelaws	
Cleansing of Footways, etc.	1875
Removal of House Refuse	1875
Cleansing of Privies	1875
Keeping of Animals	1875
New Streets and Buildings	1875 & 1902
Common Lodging Houses	1875
Slaughter Houses	1875
Drainage of Existing Buildings	1877

Summary of Work Done by the Sanitary Inspector.

Defective water closets	10
Defective drains	7
Defective gullies	1
Accumulation of rubbish	1
Accumulation of manure	1
Disinfection after infectious disease	5
Total ...	25

No statutory notices and only 2 informal notices were served.

Closet Accommodation.

Water closets	413
Privies	51
Pail closets	2
Total ...	466

One conversion of privy into water closet was made.

Regular inspection of slaughter-houses, Dairies, and Cowsheds, Butchers'-shops and Bakehouses has been made and the sanitary conditions of all premises where food is prepared, stored or exposed for sale is good.

Under the Milk & Dairies (Amendment) Act 1922, 8 retail milk purveyors have been registered.

There is one private Slaughter-house which has been efficiently maintained.

Disinfection with formalin is carried out after all infectious cases..

Bedding, clothing, etc., are disinfected when required at Ormside Joint Hospital.

No facilities exist for disinfestation.

A pamphlet on Diptheria and a circular on Botulism were supplied to all Medical Practitioners.

8. STAFF.

NAME	QUALIFICATIONS	OFFICE	WHOLE OR PART TIME.	OTHER OFFICES.	SALARY CONTRIBUTED UNDER P.H.A. OR EXCHEQUER GRANTS.
W.B.Cockill	M.D.etc.	M.O.H.	Part	M.O.H Combined Districts of Westmorland	Yes
F.T.Balmer	-	Sanitary Inspector	Part	Surveyor Rate Collector Gas Works Clerk	Yes

9. HOUSING.

Number of new houses erected during the year:-

(a) Total 4
(b) As part of a Municipal Housing Scheme 4

1. Unfit dwelling-houses:

Inspection - (1) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) 5

(2) Number of dwelling houses which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Inspection of District) Regulations 1910 204

(3) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous, or injurious to health, as to be unfit for human habitation 1

(4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-heading) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation Nil.

2. Remedy of defects without Service of Formal Notices:

Number of dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers Nil

3. Action under Statutory Powers: Nil.